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~~ABSTRACT~~

5 A system for connecting multiple users to
multiple computers uses a switch for making and
breaking connections between individual computers and
input/output devices such as display screens, keyboards
and pointing devices at user locations. A supervisory
computer system includes one or more helper computers
which run programs to aid the user in selecting
10 connections to be made. The switch is arranged to
capture preselected input sequences as designating
commands, such as a command to connect the helper
computer, and to forward these to the supervisory
computer system. The supervisory computer system
15 actuates the switch in response to these commands so
that the user can establish communication with the
helper computer.

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